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HOW THE PLAN WORKED.

"Your white roses are just coming into bud, Lally," said Aldrich Cone, as he came in from the garden. "Blossom Hedge is at its prettiest now."

The coffee exhaled a fragrant odor, the fresh baked biscuits were of the most delicate brown, and the chickens broiled to a turn, but Mrs. Cone's face wore a most tragic expression, as she sat with an open letter in her hand.

"Aldrich," said she, hysterically, "what am I to do? Here's your Aunt Effingham coming here next week with her six children and the nurse! They've had the measles, it seems, and the doctor has prescribed country air, so they've decided to inflict a four weeks' visitation upon mel"

"Oh," said Aldrich, guiltily, "I forgot to tell you. Haidee Clare wants to come here this summer. She requires perfect quiet to finish her new novel, and says she retains such a delightful impression of Blossom Hedge from her last summer's visit!"

"Oh, does she, indeed?" said Mrs. Cone, dashing the cream and sugar recklessly into the sea green china cups. "And we must remember that your cousin Falkland has kindly volunteered to send Andromeda here for the sum-Gold and porcelain crowns attached to affair of hers with Jack Jocelyn."

"I'm afraid we haven't room for 'em all," said Mr. Cone, reflectively. "Oh, yes, you have," said Lally, with tears and laughter struggling in her voice. "They'll sleep on the ball hat rack, on the garret floor or the cellar

shelves, sooner than forego the opportunity of getting good country board for nothing! And I shall do as I did last year-get along without a new winter suit and do my own winter housework, because the housekeeping bills were so heavy during the summer. All our relations are very particular, you know, about their eating and drinking, and we had to get new hair mattresses for the Johnson-Smythes, and re-carpet Haidee's room because she 'perfectly abhorred' "It's outrageous!" said Cone, carving the chickens. "But 1 don't know how

we are to help ourselves without being dreadfully rude." "Tell them plainly that they cannot

"Our relations, Lally?" remonstrated

"It's an imposition," said Lally. "It's only for a little while, my love

Let 'em come."
"It will be for all summer, Aldrich."

Mrs. Pepper.
But it soon transpired that Mrs. Cone's visitors, like Barnum's happy family,

could not agree. Miss Haidee Clare could not write

without the accompaniment of perfect silence. The little Effinghams could not divert themselves without the hoots and shricks peculiar to their tender years, took exception to the mournful banjo notes on which Andromeda Falkland was wont of an evening to bewaii her blighted love. They are quarreling like cats and

dogs," sighed Lally to her husband. "Let 'em quarrei," said Aldrich.

"What larks, mai" said Erskine Effingham one afternoon, as he returned from a successful raid upon the hense nests in the barn. "We've got to take our hammocks and croquet out of the Maple lot."

"What for?" petulantly inquired his mother.

"Cousin Aldrich has sold it."

"Sold it? How very inconsiderate of "What larks, ma!" said Erskine Ef-

"Sold it? How very inconsiderate of him!" said Mrs. Effingham. "Sold it to

"To the cemetery people."
"What!"

"The ceme-te-ry people," enunciated Master Erskine. "The railroad's a-goin' right through the old grave yard, and they've got to have a new place. I heard Cousin Asdrich tell the carpenter to bring that load of fence posts right off, and I heard him say, too, that it didn't matter so much because there had already been two or three interments

"Intermental" gasped Mrs. Effingham
—"under our very windows? Goodness
racious me! I never heard of such a
hine?"

"If ye plase, ma'sm," said Delia, the "that accounts for it."

"Accounts for what?" "The ghost, mum—all in whitef" ut-tered Delia, with chattering teeth. "I a good one. cloc r struck 12; an' I seen it the night before. An' I don't wonder, ma'am—the
poor, dead bodies bein' dug up and scattered argument its a man's penalty for doing seen it last night, mum, as the church tered around this way. And if you place, ma'am, you'll suit yourself at once, for not another week will Delia O'Rourke

"Will you hush?" said Mrs. Effingham, clasping her hands in despair. "Aldrich, what is this? Have you sold the Maple

"Sold it! Why shouldn't I?" said Mr.

Cone, who just then came in with a string of speckled brook trout. "They scarcely be scratched. offered me a capital price, and I'm not a rich man."

"But to-a cemetery!" "I don't know a quieter neighbor than

a cemetery," said Aldrich. "And I'm told," said Mrs. Effingham, with a shudder, "that some interments have already taken place!"

"I didn't suppose you'd mind it, Aunt Effingham," said the young host. "Mind it! Why, it's a semi-barbarous proceeding!" cried the lady. "Do we live in a civilized country, or do we not?" "Mat" screeched Rudolph Effingham,

the second son, jerking at the maternal skirts, "here's a load of lumber at the bars-a real big load. Do you suppose that's to make the coffins out of?" Just then Miss Clare stalked, a la Lady

Macbeth, upon the scene, "I attach no importance to vulgar superstition," said she, glaring at Mrs. Effingham, with whom she was no longer on speaking terms. "Of the dead I en-tertain no fear. But the living are quite a different thing. And 1 certainly saw a-man, Cousin Aldrich, prowling about these premises last night, with a dark lantern.

Oh! oh! oh!"

"Peace, foolish woman!" said Haldee. "This was no shade! It was a burly thief, intent no doubt on mischief, I saw him try to open the back parlor shutter, and then Neighbor Foxley's wagon drove by, and he disappeared as if by magic. And I want you to under-stand, Lally," to Mrs. Cone, "that I can't stand the nervous shock of this sort of the easily painted and poished. It has all thing. My profession requires that I the good qualities, but none of the defects, of should be surrounded by peaceful calm.

I leave here to-morrow,"
"An' I'll go wid yez," said Delia. "I can't sleep nights in a place where burg-lars is climbin' up the trellis work, and poor ghosts come stalkin around when the church clock strikes midnight, and a whole wagon load more comin', tomorry or next day, from the cimetery! Och, hone! the like of it niver was heard before!"

"Ma, ma! can't we go, too? We're afraid to stay at Blossom Hedge any longer!" pleaded the little Effinghams.

And so there was a general exodus, "Aldrich, is this true?" said Mrs. Cone. when the last express load of trunks had disappeared around the curve of the

sweetheart's windows, and the burglar no other than Jack Jocelyn in black, climbing up the trellis after a letter. which he well knew where to find."

Andromeda blushed redder than ever.

"Now I'll have no more of this," said Aldrich, with mock sternness. fess, young woman, at once, that you and your love affair are at the bottom of and both Miss Clare and Mrs. Edlingham all this mystification. Jack Jocelyn has owned up."
"Oh, Aldrich!" sobbed Andromeda.

"And will you, too, turn against me?"
"Not a bit of it," said Aldrich Cone, cheerfully. "Don't fret, little one. Jack has just told me that he has been appointed to a thousand dollar berth in the general postoffice, and I've written to your mother that things are all right.

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with a pin; you may some day be cut with Today you forget things you learned yemorrow.

A genius is an industrious man who does Somehow the things you have praised to

not another week will Delia O'Rourke live next door to a church yard!"

"Ma, ma," whispered Florence Effingham—who had eagerly devoured every word of the discussion—"I'm afraid of ghosts. Delia says ghosts come after little girls if they don't"—

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STRANGE USES OF PAPER.

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Black walnut picture frames are made of paper and so colored that no one can tell the n from the original wood.

An Italian monk has succeeded in constructing an organ where the pipes are made of paper pulp. It has 1,400 pipes of various

The latest idea is to use paper instead of wood for lead pencils, by using a patent preparation by which it can be cut as easily as the softest wood.

The ceiling of the assembly chamber at Albany, N. Y., is made of paper mache, it is a model of its kind, and appears so like marble as to deceive the most expert eye. Cracks in floors around the skirting board. or other parts of a room, may be neatly filled by thoroughly soaking newspaper in paste made as thick as purity and forced into the cracks with a paste knife. It will soon harden and can be painted.

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A paper piano has lately been calmisted in Paris. The entire case is made of compressed "The ghost!" squeaked Delia. "I seen him, too! I did, with these eyes, the blissid saints betune me and all harm! sides are ornamented with arabsques and floral designs. The exterior, and as much of the interior as can be seen when the instru-ment is open, are covered with wreaths and medallions painted in ministure.

A new mill for the manufacture of paper from moss has been recently established in Sweden. Paper of different thickness and pasteboard made of it have sireally been shown, the latter even in sheets three quarters of an inch thick. It is as burit as wood and wood. The pasteboard can be used for door and window frames, architectural ornaments and all kinds of furniture.—St. Louis Stationer.

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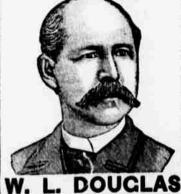


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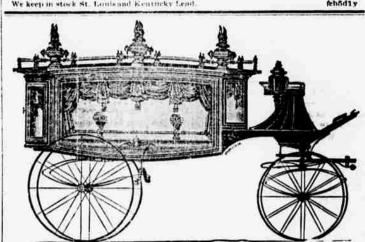
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